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ILLEGAL EMIGRATION THROUGH WATERS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian waters have recently become the new routes for illegal migrants from India to West Asia-Israel, Eastern Europe and other countries;

(b) if so, whether investigations revealed that the most commonly used routes by the illegal migration cartels were through the Gulf and East Europe;

(c) whether the new routes have been communicated to the Indian Embassy in Ankara by the Turkish authorities; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to check the illegal emigrants through Indian waters?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL)

(a) & (b): The Government do not have any definite information about use of Indian waters as new routes for illegal migration from India to West Asia - Israel, Eastern Europe and other countries.However, there have been isolated incidents involving Yemen from where Indian nationals have been sent back because of inappropriate documents, from the airport itself.

(c) & (d): The Indian Embassy, Ankara (Turkey) has not received any communication from the Turkish authorities on new routes used for illegal migration. However, whenever any intimation about illegal immigrants, claiming to be Indians detained in Turkey, is received for arranging their repatriation, the Indian Embassy takes necessary action.